



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 428**

January Session, 2017

House Bill No. 7091

*House of Representatives, April 5, 2017*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 19a-12e of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (d) A health care professional who has been the subject of an arrest  
5 arising out of an allegation of the possession, use, prescription for use  
6 or distribution of a controlled substance or legend drug or alcohol [or  
7 diagnosed with a mental illness or behavioral or emotional disorder]  
8 shall, not less than thirty days after such arrest, [or diagnosis,] notify  
9 the Department of Public Health. The health care professional shall be  
10 deemed to satisfy this obligation if the health care professional seeks  
11 intervention with the assistance program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-12e(d)

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill, which eliminates the requirement for a health care professional to notify the Department of Public Health if diagnosed with a mental illness/behavioral or emotional disorder, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 7091*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONALS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates the requirement for a health care professional to notify the Department of Public Health (DPH) if he or she is diagnosed with a mental illness or behavioral or emotional disorder.

The current requirement applies to health care professionals licensed or permitted by DPH. Under current law, the professional must provide the notice within 30 days of the diagnosis and he or she may satisfy the obligation by seeking intervention with the assistance program for health professionals (currently, the Health Assistance InterVention Education Network (HAVEN)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/22/2017)